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**Public Notice for 401 Certification  
Howarth Park Boathouse Replacement Project, (WDID 1B02131WNSO)**

Sonoma County

On August 15, 2002, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from the City of Santa Rosa requesting Federal Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification for the Howarth Park Boathouse Replacement Project in Sonoma County. The Project would affect waters of the United States, specifically Lake Raphine, located in the Santa Rosa Hydrologic Unit No. 114.22.

The project site is located at 630 Summerfield Road, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 131-910-140. The purpose of the project is to replace a boathouse at Lake Raphine, which is located at Howarth Park in Santa Rosa. Additionally, the project will replace a concrete boat ramp, which extends into Lake Raphine to launch non-motorized boats.

In 1960 the original boathouse was constructed, but was tore down on December of 2000 due to deterioration beyond repair. The City of Santa Rosa would like to rebuild a new boathouse in the same locations to store boats and serve as a rental facility for recreational programs offered by the Recreation and Parks Department.

The boathouse is approximately 26' wide and 50' long and requires treatment of an area approximately 71.5' long and 34' wide. The construction of the boathouse will result in the placement of approximately 90 cubic yards of fill extending from the original lake bottom to the high water level.

The City of Santa Rosa normally maintains Lake Raphine near spillway levels by adding well water through the spring and summer months. To accommodate the project no well water will be added. It is anticipated that the water levels will be low enough to allow for construction without affecting water quality. Long reach excavators stationed on the existing adjacent asphalt driveways will be used for soil removal and tractors for fill placement. During construction, a silt fence will be installed to protect the open body of water from erosion resulting from construction activity.

The project applicant has applied to the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a Nationwide Permit # 39, which is still pending Corps approval. The Department of Fish and Game has determined that a Streambed Alteration Agreement is not required for this project. Lastly, this project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Class 2, Section 15302. City of Santa Rosa, Community Development Department, made this determination.

The project is scheduled to commence April or May 2003. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Sections 3830-3869. Comments on this project should be submitted to Andrew Jensen at [jensa@rbl.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:jensa@rbl.swrcb.ca.gov), within 21 days of the posting of this notice.